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Insert at the end the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 **CHAPTER 3—OTHER PROVISIONS**

2 **SEC. 4821. STUDY AND ADJUSTMENT TO RATES.**

3 (a) **STUDY OS IMPACT OF REFORM ON MEDICARE**
4 **PROGRAM.—**

5 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**The Secretary of Health and
6 Human Services shall conduct studies on the impact
7 of the provisions of medical liability reform under
8 this subtitle on the medicare program, and shall in-
9 clude an analysis of any savings to the medicare pro-
10 gram by reason of such reform.

11 (2) **FREQUENCY OF STUDY.—**The Secretary
12 shall complete the first of such studies not later
13 than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this
14 Act. Subsequent studies shall be completed not later
15 than 3 years after the completion of the previous
16 study.

17 (3) **RATE ADJUSTMENT.—**Based upon the re-
18 sults of the studies conducted under paragraph (1),
19 the Secretary shall adjust the rates of payment
20 under title XVIII of the Social Security Act to re-
21 flect savings to the program by reason of such re-

1 form. The Secretary shall provide for such adjust-
2 ment not later than 60 days after the completion of
3 each study.

4 (b) STUDY OS IMPACT OF REFORM OS OTHER
5 HEALTH PLANS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in conjunc-
7 tion with the Comptroller General, shall conduct
8 studies on the impact of the provisions of medical li-
9 ability reform under this subtitle on health plans
10 (other than the medicare program), and shall in-
11 clude an analysis of any savings to such plans by
12 reason of such reform.

13 (2) FREQUENCY OF STUDY.—The Secretary, in
14 conjunction with the Comptroller General, shall com-
15 plete the first of such studies not later than 1 year
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act. Subse-
17 quent studies shall be completed not later than 3
18 years after the completion of the previous study.

19 (3) PUBLICATION OF RESULTS OF STUDY.—Not
20 later than 60 days after the completion of each
21 study under subsection (b)(1), the Secretary shall
22 provide for publication of the results of such studies
23 in the Federal Register. The Secretary shall include
24 in such publication proposed reductions in the fees

- 1 charged by such health plans for health care items
- 2 and services provided under such plans.